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His Majesties graci- ous and last Message,

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By the Earle of Dor-) Sir Iohn Culpepper,
set.) Chancellor of the Ex-
The Earle of Southamp-) chequer. And Sir
son.) William V. Kedall, Kt.

To both the honorable houses of Parliament,
from Nottingham, 25. August 1642.

Whereunto is added the late Message of both houses of
Parliament in answer to his Majesties message of
the 25 of August present, agreed upon to
be sent to his Majesty the 29. Aug.

Also their severall Votes Resolved upon the Questions.




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His Maiesties gracious message
to both Houses of Parliament, sent from
Nottingham the 25. of August,
 1642.

By the E^{les} of *Southampton* and *Dorset*, *Sir John Culpeper*
 Knight, Chancellour of the Exchequer, and *Sir*
William Feildall. Knight.

 We have with unspeakable grieve of heart
 long beheld the Distractions of this Our
 Kingdome, Our very soul is full of anguish
 untill We may find some remedy to prevent the mi-
 series which are ready to overwhelm this whole na-
 tion by a civill war. And though all our endeavours
 tending to the composing of those unhappy diffe-
 rences betwixt Us and Our two Houses of Parlia-
 ment (though pursued by us with all zeal and sincere-
 rity) have been hitherto without that successe We
 hoped for, yet such is our constant and earnest care
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to preserve the publike peace, that We shall not be discouraged from using any expedient, which by the blessing of the God of mercy may lay a firme foundation of peace and happinesse to all our good Subjects. To this end, observing that many mistakes have arisen by the Messages, Petitions and answers betwixt us & our two Houses of Parliament, which happily may be prevented by some other way of treaty, wherein the matters in difference may bee more clearly understood, & more freely transacted. We have thought fit to propound to you, that some fit persons may be by you imployed to treat with the like number to be authorized by Vs, in such a manner, and with such freedom of debate, as may best tend to that happy conclusion which all good men desire. *The peace of the Kingdome*: wherein as We promise in the word of a King all safety and encouragement to such as shall be sent unto Vs, if you shall chuse the place where We are for the treaty, which We wholly leave to you, presuming of the like care of the safety of those we shall imploy, if you shall name another place; So we assure you and all Our good Subjects, that (to the best of Our understanding) nothing shall bee therein wanting on Our parts, which may advance the true Protestant Reli-

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gion, oppose popery and superstition, secure the Law of the Land (upon which is built as well Our just Prerogative, as the propriety and liberty of the Subject) confirme all just power and Priviledges of Parliament, and render Vs and Our people truly happy by a good understanding berwixt Vs and our two Houses of Parliament. Bring with you as firme resolutions to do your duty, and let all Our good people joyne with Vs in Our prayers to Almighty God for his blessing upon this worke.

If this proposition shall be rejected by you, wee have done our duty so amply, that God will absolve Vs from the guilt of any of that blood which must be spilt, and what opinion soever other men may have of Our power, we assure you nothing but our Christian and pious care to prevent the effusion of blood hath begot this motion, our provision of men, Armes, mony, being such as may secure Vs from further violence, till it shall please God to open the eyes of our People.

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A Message of both Houses of Parliament in answer to his Majesties

Message of the 25. of August present,

agreed upon, and sent to his

Majesty this 29. of Aug. 1642.

May it please your Majesty:

TH E Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled; having received your Majesties message of the 25. of August, do with much griefe. Recent the dangerous and distracted state of this Kingdome, which wee have by all meanes indeavoured to prevent both by our severall advises and Petitions

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to your Majestie; which have bin *not*
only without successe, but there hath
 followed that, *which* no ill Councel in
 former times hath produced, or any
 age hath seene: Namely, those sever-
 al *proclamations & declarations* against
 both the houses of parliament, wher-
 by their actions are declared treasona-
 ble, and their persons Traitors. And
 thereupon your *Maiesty* hath set up
 your *Standard* against them, wherby
 your *Maiesty* have put the two *houses*
 of *Parliament*, and in them, *this*
whole Kingdome out of your Protection:
 So that untill your *Maiesty* shall recall
 those *Proclamations* and *Declarations*,
 whereby the Earle of *Essex*, and
 both *Houses of Parliament*, and their
Adherents, and such as have obeyed
 and Executed their *Commands* and
Directions, according to their duties,
 are

are declared *Traytors*. And until the
Standard set up in pursuance of the
 sayd *Declarations* be taken downe:
 your *Maiesty* hath put us into such a
Condition that whilstt wee so remaine,
 We cannot by the *Fundamentall Pri-*
viliges of *Parliament*, the *publicke*
Trust reposed in Us, or the *General good*
 or *safety* of this *Kingdome*, give your
Maiesty an other *answere* unto this your
message.



R *Esolved* upon the *Question* by the
House of Commons at the time of
 passing the *Vote* in *answere* to the *Kings*
message on *Saterday* the 27 of *Aug.* 1642.

That the *Lords* be moved to joyn with
 the *Commons* in a *direction* to the *Lord*
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Generall, that hee advance his Forces
with all possible speed for the defence and
safety of the Kingdome.

Resolved further, &c.

THat this the Commons doth not, out
of any apprehension of any backe-
wardnesse in the Lord Generall, but to
give satisfaction that this message of his
Majesties doth not render them any way
slacke.

Ordered that this answere bee forth-
with printed and then published.

Hen. Elfyng C. P. D. C.

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